

'FRAME-UP' AGAINST MINERS FAILS; UNION SMASHES STATE WIDE PLOT

Charles Town, W. Va., Feb. 21.—Two hundred indictments, involving more than 100 members of the United Mine Workers, have been nolleed at the county court here, on request of the prosecution. This ends the state-

wide plot to railroad these workers to the penitentiary and also closes the record of the miners' march across Logan county three years ago.

The miners were indicted in Logan county, which is owned and controlled by anti-union coal

transferred to Morgan county. That case was nolleed. Other cases were transferred to Greenbrier county, with no better success, from the coal owners' standpoint.

The miners were responsible for these changes of venue. In

owners. The county was dominated at that time by Don McDaniel, who paid a 10 per cent percentage on every ton of coal mined to maintain his private army of thugs and detectives. He was also given the exclusive franchise to bootleg in that county, but this brought his undoing, and he left a federal prisoner in the Atlanta penitentiary.

The miners were indicted on murder charges, treason against

each instance they showed the coal how coal owners corrupted the opinions through their propaganda, thus making it impossible to secure an unbiased jury in the various localities where the trials were to be held.

While the miners were prosecuted in the name of the state, the coal owners were the prosecutors. Their attorneys spoke for the state and court costs and witness fees were paid by the coal owners.

the state and practically every other criminal act. The coal owners' plan to have the accused tried by their thug government was blocked by the miners' demand for a change of venue.

The cases were transferred to this county, and Charles Town, charge, "treason against the state."

**SENATORS MAKE RECORD
IN RAISING THEIR WAGE**

Washington, Feb. 21.—United States senators have raised their wages and thereby accept organized labor's position that pre-war wages are insufficient to maintain living standards.

**WORKERS' LEGAL RIGHTS
ARE FORCED FROM THEM**

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Organized labor is asking the state

The senate voted \$16,000,000 to increase salaries of senators and representatives for the next two years. The present salary is \$7,500. It took but 12 minutes to vote this \$31.3 per cent increase.

The bill also raises salaries of cabinet officers, the vice president and the speaker of the house to \$15,000.

And in the meantime—

The postal workers' wage increase of \$300 a year is being distributed to the 100,000 employees the fatal day of final adjustment

called "individual contract" anti-union employers force workers to sign before they are given employment. Under this contract a worker pledges not to join a trade union, or urge others to do so, or to in any other way encourage sentiment for higher wages and improved working conditions.

The unionists point to the immorality of such a contract, which ignores the basic of con-

It seems to be agreed that there will be no rent regulation of District of Columbia landlords, at

The president has declared in favor of a re-regulation bill, but he has not spoken as loudly as when he demanded that congress support his veto of the postal employees' wage increase.

PUBLIC-OWNED PLANT IS MISREPRESENTED

Hamilton, Ontario, Feb. 21.—Do-

minion newspapers are giving rough treatment to a report issued by the Smithsonian institution at Washington, D. C., that the publicly-owned hydro-electric power of this province has a deficit of more than \$19,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Congress should give consideration to the practice of political organizations collecting large sums of money in certain

The Hamilton Spectator, published in this city, editorially declares that

The Myer report resembles a little bit of everything ever written by a man in the power industry. It is a mixture of the great public ownership understanding and, as Sir Adam Lockport undertakes, as the American Electric Trust is represented by the man who founded the Smithsonian institution for the purpose of increasing and diffusing knowledge among men.

The people of Ontario know that the Myer report is the same as the cheapest electric power service in the world. Mr. Myer of the Smithsonian Institution, who is a man of great fact, and knowing it, his effort to prove otherwise is so clumsy as to be almost comical.

OPPOSE CONVICT LABOR

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 21.—The trades and labor council calls on Gov. Nathan Bedford Forrest to oppose convict labor in New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois and that the Democratic organization get most of its funds from New York and one or two other states. This practice, the committee declared "may well become the subject of abuse."

Everett, Wash., Feb. 21.—Un-
manned by previous failures, mill work-
ers in this city have organized with a
chapter roll of more than 200. The

state's unfortunates."

OBJECT TO COSSACKS

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 21.—Through

employers say they favor unionism (?)—if it is the company "union" kind.

TO STANDARDIZE BUILDING

Washington, Feb. 21.—Meeting at the

their central town. Local trade unionists have protested against building a barracks in this city to house state troops. The workers declared that the barracks are not needed here and that their presence will mean a conflict of authority with municipal officials.